California Regional Water Quality Control Board





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Mr. Bernard Rapan P. O. Box 800 2244 Walnut Grove Ave. Rosemead, CA 91770

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CLEANUP PROGRAM – SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY, 2244 WALNUT GROVE AVENUE (FILE No. 107. 1786)

Dear Mr. Rapan:

At a February 6, 1998 meeting with you, Regional Board staff agreed that a one-time sampling would be required for that year in lieu of annual groundwater monitoring of the five groundwater monitoring wells at the site. Accordingly, the last groundwater monitoring was completed and reported in March of 1998.

However, the discovery of newly detected chemicals such as perchlorate in production wells near your site have necessitated the sampling of your wells for this chemical. Perchlorate has been detected in the City of Monterey Park's Well No. 12 (Well 1903033) at 15 ug/L. As you probably know, perchlorate has been detected in Baldwin Park Operable Unit groundwater monitoring and supply wells. We need to determine if the perchlorate found in the City of Monterey Park's well is coming from upgradient sources, or if there are as yet unknown sources in the South El Monte area.

For your information, we have followed similar procedures in Baldwin Park Operable Unit. The Responsible Parties had suspended groundwater monitoring for two years when we asked them to start monitoring for perchlorate, and most of them have complied. Please include all five monitoring wells for perchlorate analysis. The detection limit for this chemical shall not exceed 4 ug/L. Pending the results of this request, a decision will be made if a second round of testing is warranted. Your report containing analytical data for perchlorate is due by June 15, 1999. If you have any questions, please call me at (213) 576-6727.

Sincerely,

E. G. SOLOMON

Associate Engineering Geologist

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